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RMB to Act DCI

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(COMOR) drafted a paper for McGeorge Bundy suggesting satellite reconnaissance in connection with Berlin Crisis.

RMB non-concurred in sending it. He felt the paper in form was an FYI and no action required by WH, but it might set in motion further inquiries and decisions there which would open up additional channels of decision-making re the program when there was a perfectly good and effective channel already in being. He suggested that USIB shld address recommendation jointly to DCI and SecDef, thus encouraging use of normal channels.

Present allocation of responsibilities with respect to the major programs (NRO) is as follows:

CORONA/MURAL/ARGON: AF has primary responsibility for (1) launch scheduling and launching; (2) orbit and recovery opns; (3) development and procurement of boosters, orbiting CIA has primary responsibility MXX vehicles for (1) targeting; (2) procurement of photographic payloads and

nose cones; (3) security. SAMOS: AF has primary responsibility for SAMOS with CIA supportng

in target planning and security planning.

OXCART: Primary responsibility of CIA w/AF in supporting role.

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